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Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REROUTING ITEMS IN A MAIL  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

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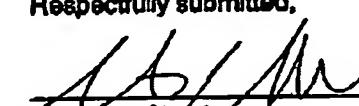
This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number 16-1885.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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